

## Tennessee Multi-Sector General NPDES Permit (TMSP) Updates

**Updated (October 15, 2008)** - During the public hearing phase of the 2006 permitting process for the TMSP, the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCI) and others requested that the state withhold issuing the permit until after the Federal Multi-Sector Permit was issued. The state agreed.

**Updated (September 29, 2008)** - EPA has issued the new Federal Storm Water Multi-Sector General Permit effective today. The single largest change was returning the requirement for total suspended solids (TSS) analysis back to the same sectors as the 2000 permit. The federal permit and all its documentation can be viewed at this website: <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/msgp.cfm>.

The Division of Water Pollution Control will revise and place on public notice the draft permit to reflect the above change, making the TMSP substantially similar to the previous permit. This will remove TSS from Sectors D, I, P, Q, S and AB. Unchanged proposed benchmark, in mg/L, for other parameters include:

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Expired Permit</u>	<u>Draft Permit</u>
Antimony	0.636	0.64
Arsenic	0.16854	0.15
Cadmium	0.0159	0.0021
Copper	0.0636	0.014
Cyanide	0.0636	0.022
Lead*	0.156	0.091
Magnesium	0.0636	0.064
Mercury	0.0024	0.0014
Nickel*	2.679	0.453
Selenium	0.2385	0.005
Silver	0.0318	0.038
TSS	200	150
Zinc*	0.395	0.161

\* These pollutants are dependent on water hardness. The benchmark value listed is based on a hardness of 25 mg/L and a total suspended solids of 31 mg/L.

The TMSP permit should be issued by the end of the year. Then the division will issued partially completed Notice of Intent (NOI) to permittees for reviewing, editing and signing. Upon receipt of the signed NOI, the division will issue new five-year Notices of Coverages.

**Updated (March 16, 2008)** - There are revisions being made to the Federal Multi-Sector General Permit (MSP) and EPA does not expect to issue their permit before next year.

The Tennessee Multi-Sector General Permit (TMSP) expired on December 31, 2006. However, the expired permit remains "in force and effect" until a new permit is

issued. When the new TMSP permit is issued, the division will issue you a new five-year coverage either by e-mail or printed copy.

**Updated (October 3, 2007)** - The Tennessee Multi-Sector General NPDES Permit (TMSP) expired on December 31, 2006. This permit remains in force and effect until the new permit issued. Coverage was administratively extended for facilities that did not request termination of coverage from the last day of the year until the new TMSP permit is issued. Covered facilities should continue to follow the terms of the expired permit.

During the comment period of the draft TMSP, the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and Industry plus several other commenters asked that the TMSP will not be issued until after the Federal MSP. It is anticipated that the Federal MSP will not be issued before the end of 2007. In that case, the division will issue the new permit sometimes next year.

When the TMSP is issued, those facilities with administrative coverage will automatically be covered and receive a Notice of Coverage either by electronic mail or printed copy.

**Updated (July 26, 2007)** - The Tennessee Multi-Sector General NPDES Permit (TMSP) expired on December 31, 2006. The permit remained in force and effect until the new permit issued. Coverage was administratively extended for facilities that did not request termination of coverage from the last day of the year until the new TMSP permit is issued. Covered facilities should continue to follow the terms of the expired permit.

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When the TMSP is issued, those facilities with administrative coverage will automatically be covered and receive a Notice of Coverage either by electronic mail or printed copy. Coverage for new facilities will be issued at that time as well.

There is nothing further for you to do at this time.

**[TMSP Draft Permit Information](#)** (last updated on 9-6-06)